## NEIGHBORHOOD PLAN AMENDMENT REVIEW SHEET

**NEIGHORHOOD PLAN:** Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan

**CASE#:** NPA-2008-0014.02

PC PUBLIC HEARING DATE & ACTION: Tuesday, October 28, 2008: APPROVED A CHANGE IN THE FUTURE LAND USE MAP FROM MIXED USE TO INDUSTRY, BY CONSENT.

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**ADDRESS:** 6133 – 6235 East Stassney Lane **AREA:** 37 Acres

**APPLICANT:** Brad Maples (Trammell Crow)

**OWNER:** Trammell Crow

**AGENT**: Brad Maples

TYPE OF AMENDMENT:

Change in Future Land Use Designation

From: Mixed Use

To: Industry

Related Zoning Case: C14-2008-0200

**Base District Zoning Change** 

From: GR-MU-NP

To: LI-NP

PLAN ADOPTION DATE: October 10, 2002

BACKGROUND: The Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan was completed under the City of Austin's Neighborhood Planning Program and was adopted as part of the Austin Tomorrow Comprehensive Plan on October 10, 2002. The requested plan amendment is located in the McKinney Neighborhood Planning Area. The boundaries of the planning area are: Ben White on the north, Montopolis, Burleson, Smith School Rd, and Williamson Creek on the east, Williamson Creek on the south and Nuckols Crossing, St. Elmo and IH-35 on the west.

The subject tract is a 37 acre tract that is currently undeveloped. The property was purchased by Trammell Crow in 2008 for the purpose of constructing a Clean Energy Research Park. Trammell Crow has stated that they would donate a portion of the land to the Texas

Foundation for Innovative Communities (TFIC), who is involved in research in fields such as solar and other renewable energy, renewable materials and energy savings technologies. The proposed development not only will house the headquarters for the TFIC, but the project will also incorporate space for other clean energy startup companies, which could include educational research facilities, and other local businesses that cater to and fuel clean energy technology research and production. In addition, Trammell Crow is seeking Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification on this particular project.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** The staff recommendation is to **APPROVE** the requested change from Mixed Use on the Future Land Use Map (FLUM) to Industry land use designation.

**BASIS FOR RECOMMENDATION:** The requested amendment is consistent with two of the goals in the Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan, which state:

- 1. Encourage employment centers, commercial activities, and other non-residential development to locate along major thoroughfares.
- 2. Create land use and zoning recommendations that reflect the existing industrial nature of parts of the planning area.

The proposed plan amendment is also consistent with language found in the Land Use Chapter under the heading of Industrial Zones. It mentions that in the McKinney planning area large industrial office parks exist. Instead of rejecting industrial type development around their homes, residents in the McKinney neighborhood have been successful at communicating and cooperating with nearby industrial property owners. Area residents have traditionally been amenable to those types of industrial uses that don't interfere with neighborhood activities or infringe upon their quality of life.

Based on the goals stated above and the language in the Land Use Chapter, staff supports the amendment based on these findings.

<u>PUBLIC MEETINGS</u>: NPZD staff held a public stakeholder meeting on October 1, 2008. Invitations were sent to the Southeast Combined interest list and property owners within 500 feet of the proposed plan amendment.

The 2 members of the Southeast Combined Planning Contact Team that were present at the meeting do officially support the proposed plan amendment and zoning change. Please refer to their attached letter.

**CITY COUNCIL DATE:** November 20, 2008

CASE MANAGERS: Gregory Montes (Plan Amendment) 974-2629

Wendy Rhoades (Rezoning Case) 974-7719

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Mr. Gregory Montes City of Austin Neighborhood Planning and Zoning Department 505 Barton Springs Road, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Austin, Texas 78704

Re:

Proposed Neighborhood Plan Amendment

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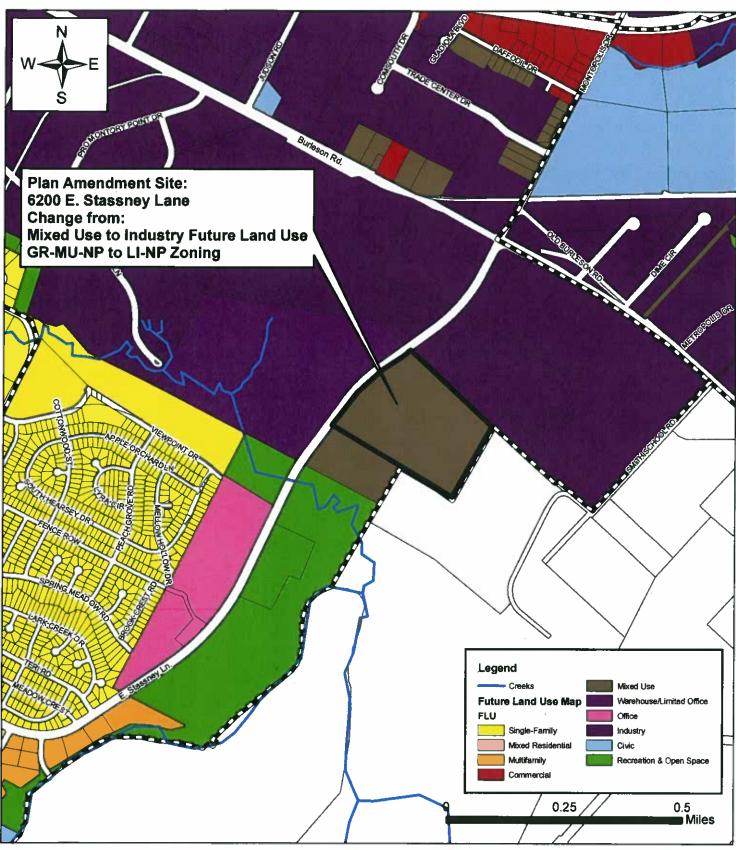
Dear Mr. Montes.

As representatives of the Southeast Combined Neighborhood, we attended the October 1, 2008 meeting with you and representatives of Trammell Crow Company at the Dove Springs Recreation Center. The purpose of the meeting was to discuss a proposed amendment to the Future Land Use Map for the McKinney Neighborhood Planning Area. Based upon our discussion, we understand that the applicant wishes to amend the Future Land Use Map to reflect a use of "Industry" in lieu of "Mixed-Use" as currently shown. We also understand that the applicant has filed an application for a zoning change from GR-MU-NP to LI-NP.

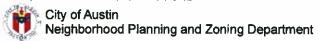
As longtime residents of the area and active Southeast Combined Neighborhood Plan Contact Team members of the Neighborhood Planning and Zoning process, we are aware of the subject tract's location and history. After discussing the proposed amendments with both City staff and the applicant, we believe that the proposed amendments are appropriate and offer this letter as evidence of our support.

Sincerely.

Mr. Lee Sloan



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## **ZONING**

ZONING CASE#: NPA-2008-0014.02 ADDRESS: 6200 E STASSNEY LANE

SUBJECT AREA: 37.00 ACRES

GRID: K16

MANAGER: C. HAYWOOD



OPERATOR: S. MEEKS

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Southeast Neighborhood Planning Area

Neighborhood Plan Amendment Meeting

Wednesday, October 1, 2008